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(EXCERPT)

Drew Pearson at 7:40 P.M. over WTOP (Washington) and various other stations throughout the country

"The fantastic claim that Mrs. Luce was poisoned from arsenic paint is not credited by members of the American Embassy in Rome. The real fact is that Central Intelligence, which conducted a secret investigation, found no solid evidence that Mrs. Luce was poisoned at any time. The whole story is a glamorous explanation cooked up by sympathetic CIA agents to cover up the fact that Mrs. Luce has been ill from a number of causes, including infected teeth and anemia. No one else in the American Embassy has been affected by the so-called arsenic, and Ellsworth Bunker, the preceding American ambassador, had no trouble whatsoever."